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INTRODUCTION

1. THIS ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED AS THE DUTCH FIND
THEMSELVES ON POLITICAL CROSSROADS. ON MAY 25 THE
NATION WILL GO TO THE POLLS AMIDST INDICATIONS THAT THE
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RESULTS, COMPARED TO THOSE OF THE 1973 ELECTION, WILL
MOVE THE COUNTRY, SOMEWHAT TO THE RIGHT. THE MAJOR QUESTION
WILL BE WHETHER THE LEADING SOCIALIST PARTY (PVDA),
WHICH IN THIS GOVERNMENT HAS FURNISHED THE PRIME MINISTER
AND THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE AND FINANCE,
WILL STAY IN POWER OR RETURN TO AN OPPOSITION ROLE.
LAST WEEK THIS QUESTION BECAME ACUTE, WITH THE FALL OF THE

DEN UYL GOVERNMENT OCCASIONED BY A RIFT BETWEEN THE SOCIALISTS AND THEIR CHRISTIAN COALITION PARTNERS OVER A STRICTLY DOMESTIC ISSUE. THE ELECTIONS WILL BE LESS IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF GON POLICIES ABROAD. INTERNATIONALLY THE MARGINS FOR THE DUTCH ARE NARROWER AND CHANGES IN DIRECTIONS WILL BE MORE A MATTER OF DEGREE.

A. US INTERESTS

2. THE FOREGOING IS NOT TO SOUND AN UNCERTAIN TRUMPET. FOR I BELIEVE THAT THE NETHERLANDS AND THE US SHARE A COMMON SET OF BASIC VALUES AND HAVE A STRONG MUTUAL INTEREST IN PROTECTING AND MAXIMIZING THEM. THEY WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT POLITICAL IMPASSE. THESE VALUES INCLUDE A SOCIETY FOUNDED ON PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, BELIEF IN INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY, LIBERTY, EQUALITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL BEING, AND SECURITY. IN A WORLD WHERE THESE VALUES ARE BY NO MEANS UNIVERSALLY HELD AND, WHERE PRESENT, EXIST ONLY IMPERFECTLY, THE US HAS AN INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING THEM IN THE NETHERLANDS AND, WITH DUTCH SUPPORT, ELSEWHERE. THIS INTEREST RESTS ON THE CONVICTION THAT RESPECT FOR THESE VALUES IS A CRUCIAL COMPONENT OF THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN A WORLD IN WHICH THE PROCESS OF CHANGE WILL BE PEACEFUL.

3. BECAUSE WE PURSUE SIMILAR INTERESTS WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES IN WESTERN EUROPE, IN CANADA AND IN JAPAN, I REGARD US INTERESTS IN THE

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NETHERLANDS AS PART OF A MUCH WIDER FRAMEWORK OF MUTUALLY REINFORCING INTERESTS.

4. BUT THERE ARE NUANCES AND EVEN DIFFERENCES WHICH ARE IMPORTANT.

FIRST, THE NETHERLANDS HAS BEEN A PLACE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE AS A CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION. IT IS OF MAJOR COMMERCIAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES. IT IS THE SIXTH LARGEST MARKET IN THE WORLD FOR US EXPORTS (\$4.6 BILLION IN 1976) AND THE THIRD IN EUROPE -- AFTER THE FRG AND THE UK. IT IS THE THIRD LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR IN THE US (\$3.6 BILLION) AND FOR ITS PART THE US IS THE LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR IN THE NETHERLANDS, WITH \$3.4 BILLION AT THE END OF 1975. IT GENERATES RECORD BALANCE OF TRADE SURPLUSES IN FAVOR OF THE UNITED STATES, \$3.5 BILLION IN 1976, MORE THAN ANY OTHER OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS.

SECOND, THE NETHERLANDS HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN ACTIVE ON A LARGER STATE. IT PLAYS A LEADING ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE UN, THE EC NATO AND THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. IT HAS A CADRE OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED OFFICIALS. IT IS ACTIVE IN OTHER MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS MBFR, THE CCD, IEA AND CIEC.

THIRD, WHILE FOR CENTURIES THERE HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT ATTACHMENT IN THE NETHERLANDS TO DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL VALUES, AWARENESS OF THE NECESSITY TO BE READY TO PROTECT THEM IS ONLY RELATIVELY RECENT, DATING BACK TO MAY 1940, WHEN THE COUNTRY FACED A FOREIGN INVASION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY A CENTURY AND A HALF. THIS IS NOT TO DENIGRATE THE DUTCH COMMITMENT AND CREDITABLE CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN SECURITY, BUT IT HELPS TO EXPLAIN A FUNDAMENTAL DUTCH HOPE, WHICH MANIFESTS ITSELF IN DIFFERENT WAYS, TO SEEK ACCOMMODATIONS WHERE POSSIBLE.
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5. LIKE ITS WESTERN EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS, THE NETHERLANDS
FACES PROBLEMS WHAT COULD JEOPARDIZE ECONOMIC PROGRESS
AND POLITICAL STABILITY. A SLUGGISH ECONOMY, UNEMPLOY-
MENT, INFLATION, INCREASED DEMAND ON LIMITED RESOURCES
AND, DESPITE CONSTANTLY ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY, THE
PROSPECTIVE DETERIORATION OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH
CROWDING, POLLUTION AND AN INCREASE IN THE USE OF
NARCOTICS ARE A CONSTANT AND PRESSING CHALLENGE TO
POLITICAL AUTHORITIES TRYING TO COPE WITH LIMITED MEANS.
POLITICAL AUTHORITY ITSELF EXISTS IN A SETTING INFLUENCED
BY A GROWING PATTERN OF "INSPRAAK" (THE PERCEIVED
RIGHT OF ANYONE POTENTIALLY AFFECTED TO HAVE A DIRECT
VOICE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS). AS POLITICAL
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LEADERS FIND A EVERY TURN GOVERNING EFFECTIVELY IN HOLLAND
REQUIRES GREAT INVESTMENTS OF TIME FOR FORBEARANCE. THE STAKES
ARE HIGH, AND THE DUTCH REALIZE THEY CANNOT PERMIT THEIR
PROBLEMS TO FESTER IF THEY WISH TO MAINTAIN THE KIND OF
SOCIETY TO WHICH THEY ASPIRE. I FIND THEM DIDEICATED IN THEIR
PERSISTENT SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS.

B. OVERVIEW

THE ELECTIONS

6. A WEEK AFTER THE FALL OF THE GOVERNEMENT AND TWO
MONTHS BEFORE A NATIONAL ELECTION IS HARDLY IDEAL FOR
POLITICAL FORECASTING OVER THE NEXT ONE TO TWO YEARS.
THE SITUATION FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF THE CENTER-LEFT
COALITION BEARS UNCERTAINTY. ADD TO THIS THE PRESENCE OF
SOME TWENTY COMPETING PARTIES (ALL TOLD, HOLLAND HAS 71
REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES -- MOST OF THEM OBSCURE TO
ALL BUT THEIR SUPPORTERS) -- AND ONE SEES THE RISK OF
POLITICAL FORECASTING. EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THAN THE
ELECTION OUTCOME IS THE PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT FORMATION,
WHICH IN THE DUTCH SYSTEM IS NOT NECESSARILY BOUND BY THE
RESULTS OF THE BALLOTING. THE LAST TIME THE DUTCH WENT
THROUGH THE EXERCISE (FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 1972 ELECTIONS)
IT TOOK SIX MONTHS TO FOM A GOVERNMENT.

7. IN THE BEST OF SITUATIONS THE POLITICAL PROCESS HERE
CHANLLENGES TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH. THE PICTURE, HOWEVER,
IS NOT SO UNINTELLIGIBLE AS TO PRECLUDE ALL SPECULATION.
THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMPOSITION OF

THE GOVERNMENT COULD CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY. BUT GIVEN
THE RELATIVELY SMALL MARGINS FOR POLICY CHANGES WHICH
CONSTRAIN DUTCH AND OTHER WESTERN POLITICAL LEADERS,
I THINK IT MORE LIKELY THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY MAJOR
DEPARTURES THAT WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT US INTERESTS.
NUANCES IN EAST-WEST RELATIONSHIPS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS
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AND EURO-COMMUNISM COULD LEAD TO ACTIONS IN DUTCH
POLICIES THAT MIGHT NOT BE ALTHOGETHER TO OUR LIKING.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

8. FOUR MAJOR FACTORS IN THE NETHERLANDS ARE LIKELY
TO BE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO OUR BILATERAL AND
MULTILATERAL INTERESTS.

9. FIRST, THE GON, IN WHATEVER SHAPE IT EMERGES
AFTER THE ELECTIONS, WILL BEND EVERY EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN
THE DUTCH ECONOMY. THIS VIRTUALLY A "SINE QUA NON,"
NOT JUST BECAUSE IT IS AXIOMATIC FOR ANY RESPONSIBLE
(AND RESPONSIVE) DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO SEEK TO
IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIFE FOR ITS CITIZENS BUT
BECAUSE THE DUTCH SYSTEM OF SOCIAL SECURITY DEPENDS
ON IT. EXPECTATIONS ARE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GROWTH
RATE WILL BE BELOW THE AVERAGE BEFORE THE 1973
OIL CRISIS. TO SOME EXTENT GOVERNMENT PREOCCUPATION WITH
SOCIAL REFORM WILL AFFECT THE PROSPECT FOR SOUND ECONOMIC
POLICIES. FIFTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL INCOME IS CUR-
RENTLY RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF SOCIAL
SECURITY PAYMENTS AND TAXES. THE PERCENTAGE CONTINUES TO
RISE, YET THE CURRENT DEFICIT IN THE BUDGET IS THE LARGEST
EVER. IN POLITICAL TERMS, THE GOVERNING PARTIES MUST
DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF SATISFYING HIGH AND RISING
EXPECTATIONS OUT OF SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISHED RESOURCES.
IN THIS SITUATION, SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE AND PRESSURES
THE BUDGET, TO WHICH DEFENSE IS NOT IMMUNE, WILL BE
INCREASINGLY HARD TO HANDLE.

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10. THE NETHERLANDS IS IN THE FRONT RANK OF SMALLER INDUSTRIAL POWERS AND ITS STORNG EXTERNAL POSITION GIVES IT MORE FINANCIAL MUSCLE THAN SOME MAJOR COUNTRIES. A SMALL ER GROWTH FORECAST IN THE FUTURE WILL NOT SOON AFFECT THIS STRENGTH BECAUSE REVENUES FORM NATUAL GAS AND INVISIBLES WILL CONTINUE TO RESULT IN A LARGE CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS. AS AN OUTWARD-LOOKING COUNTRY THAT AGREES WITH US ON MANY INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES, THE NETHERLANDS IS A USEFUL AND INFLUENTIAL ALLY IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS AND AD HOC NEGOTIATIONS. ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, HOWEVER, DUTCH AND US VIEWS HAVE DIFFERED. THE NETHERLANDS ECONOMIC THINKING FOLLOWS CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CONCEPT OF A RESTRUCTURING OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY CALLING FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AND INCOME FROM DEVELOPED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THE DUTCH ARE IN THE FOREFORONT SO FAR AS THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IS CONCERNED.

1. THE DUTCH ARE KEENLY SENSITIVE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY DEGREE OF DEPENDENCE OF THRHLZCONOMY ON THAT OF THEIR INDUSTRIALIZED PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE EC AND THE US. THEY ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRO-TECTIONIST TENDENCIES AND ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES STANDING

IN THE WAY OF EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICIES. SHOULD THE WORLDWIDE RECOVERY FALTER OR MEASURES TO COPE WITH STRUCTURAL WEAKNESS IN THE DUTCH ECONOMY PROVE INADEQUATE, STAGFLATION AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD POLARIZE ECONOMIC THINKING AND STRENGTHEN PROPONENTS OF RADICAL SOLUTIONS.

12. SECOND, THE PREVAILING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE SOVIET MILITARY BUILD-UP AND PROSPECTS FOR DETENTE PUT IN QUESTION THE POSTURE WHICH THE DUTCH, TOGETHER WITH THEIR ALLIES, SHOULD ADOPT. WHILE WASHINGTON'S POLICIES ON ARMS CONTROL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIND A HIGHLY RESPONSIVE CHORD HERE, SOVIET RESPONSES ARE BEING KEENLY EYED FOR CLUES TO THE EAST-WEST CLIMATE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. FEW THINK A SOVIET INVAION OF WESTERN EUROPE IS LIKELY, BUT DECISIONS ON THE LEVEL OF DUTCH DEFENSE SPENDING WILL DEPEND ON A LARGE EXTENT ON DUTCH PERCEPTION OF THE STATE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HERE AS ELSEWHERE, THERE ARE CRITICS OF NATO THOUGH THEIR VOICES, AT TIMES VERY LOUD, DO NOT REPRESENT THE VIEW OF THE GREAT MAJORITY.

13. THIRD, THE DUTCH WILL INSIST ON BEING INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS OF CONSULATION AND DECISION MAKING, WHETHER CONFIDENTIAL

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ON ECONOMIC OR SECURITY ISSUES. THEIR ANGER AT THE EC'S BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE ORIGINAL INVITATION TO THE LONDON SUMMIT WAS NOT POSTURING. AFTER RAMBOUILLET AND PUERTO RICE, THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD AC COMMITMENT FROM THEIR EC 9 PARTNERS THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN THE FUTURE. EVEN THOUGH IN A CARETAKER STATUS, DEN UYL AND VAN DER STOEL, WITH THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT, WENT TO TOME PREPARED TO TAKE A HARD LINE AND, WITH THE SUPPORT OF SMALLER EC COUNTRIES HOLDING SIMILAR VIEWS, BOTAINED FRENCH ACQUIESCENCE IN THE INCLUSION OF THE COMMUNITY AT LONDON. HAVING GAINED THIS MUCH, THE DUTCH WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH LESS IN THE FUTURE. SIMILARLY, IN THE SECURITY FIELD, THE DUTCH WILL BE VOCAL IN ASSERTING THE NEED FOR ALLIED CONSULTATION, AS WELL AS BILATERAL CONTACT WITH THE US ON ISSUES SUCH AS SALT, MBFR AND CSCE II AT BELGRADE. WE MUST BE RESPONSIVE TO THESE CONCERNS. THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE SUCCEED WILL DETERMINE THE MEASURE OF OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE DUTCH POLICY PROCES.

14. THIS ABILITY HAS IN RECENT MONTHS BEEN PUT TO THE TEST BY OUR INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DUTCH ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND RELATED PROBLEMS, WHERE THE

USSUE HAS NOT BEEN SO MUCH ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES -- WHICH
WE SHARE -- BUT THE TACTICS FOR ACHIEVING THEM.
THOUGH THE FALL OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW MAKE AN
EARLY DUTCH DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE ENRICHMENT OF
BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR FUEL UNLIKELY, THERE WERE EARLIER
INDICATIONS THE DUTCH PUT MORE FAITH THAN WE DO IN
SAFEGUARDS AND QUESTION OUR JUDGMENT THAT THERE IS STILL
TIME TO PREVENT THE TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY.

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15. FOURTH, 1976 CONSTITUTED SOMEWHAT OF A TURNING
POINT IN THE DUTCH PERCEPTION OF THE UNITED STATES.
THE GOODWILL RESULTING FROM WORLD WAR II AND THE MARSHALL
PLAN ERA HAD SUBSTANTIALLY ERODED PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE
TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER THE WAR. VIETNAM AND WATERGATE
DEEPLY AFFECTED DUTCH OPINION, BUT THE DECLINE BEGAN EVEN
EARLIER. DUTCH ALIENATION WAS ATTRIBUTED ALSO TO CERTAIN
AMERICAN POLICIES SUCH AS THOSE WHICH HWERE SEEN AS FALLING
SHORT OF OBLIGATIONS TO THE THIRD WORLD OR FAIR TREATMENT OF
MINORITIES IN THE US. DISCLOSURES, INCLUDING MISDEEDS

INVOLVING LOCKHEED AND OTHERS, ALSO CONTRIBUTED. AMONG SOME
TRADITIONAL SUPPORTERS IT WAS FELT THAT THE AMERICANS
HAD HURT THE ROYAL HOUSE AND PERHAPS HASTENED THE TIME
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WHEN THE QUEEN WILL ABDICATE IN FAVOR OF BEATRIX. COUNTER-
VAILING INFLUENCES, HOWEVER, HAVE BEGUN TO SHORE UP
THE AMERICAN IMAGE, THE BALANCE IS IMPROVING BUT THERE ARE
STILL PROBLEM AREAS IN PUBLIC OPINION. THE BICENTENNIAL
TRIGGERED NEW INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES AND A REVIVAL
OF POSITIVE FEELINGS. DUTCH INTEREST IN AMERICA REMAINS
INTENSE, BUT AMONG THE YOUNG, SOME OF THE MEDIA, UNIVERSITIES
AND RADICAL POLITICAL GROUPINGS THERE IS AN ESTRANGEMENT WE
HOPE TO ELIMINATE. GREAT ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THROUGH EXTENSIVE NEWS AND TV COVERAGE.
MOST DUTCH PERCEIVE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AS A GOVERNMENT
OF THE PEOPLE AND APPROVE OF IT. IN SUME WE ARE WITNESSING A
POSITIVE CHANGE OF MOOD ABOUT THE US.

C. OBJECTIVES, COURSES OF ACTION AND ISSUES

17. WITH THE FOREGOING AS BACKDROP, US OBJECTIVES IN
THE NETHERLANDS EMERGE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MAKE CLEAR TO THE DUTCH THAT WE SEEK TO APPROACH GLOBAL
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

B. SECURE DUTCH SUPPORT FOR US POLICIES IN MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE UN AND ITS
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
FINANCIAL BODIES SUCH AS THE OECD AND IEA; AND IN OTHER
IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS, SUCH AS THOSE ON THE
NORTH-OUTH AGENDA, AND ON SIGNIFICANT ISSUES SUCH AS
NON-PROLIFERATION AND THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

C. PROMOTE CONTINUED DUTCH POLITICAL AND MILITARY
SUPPORT FOR ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

D. ENCOURAGE DUTCH EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC
FORCES IN DUROPE.
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E. ENCOURAGE DUTCH ECONOMIC POLICIES AND MEASURES
WHICH ARE FAVORABLE TO US TRADE AND INVESMTNET INTEREST.

F. FACILITATE EXPANSION OF US-DUTCH COMMERCE,
ESPECIALLY US EXPORTS, DUTCH INVESTMENT IN THE US AND
TOURIST AND BUSINESS TRAVEL TO THE US, WHILE ASSISTING
US BUSINESS IN THE NETHERLANDS.

G. FURTHER INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING
OF US POLICIES AND WAY OF LIFE AMONG DUTCH OPINION-
MAKERS, INCLUDING TRADE UNION LEADERS, AND THE GENERAL
PUBLIC.

H. HELP THE DUTCH DISRUPT THEIR MARKET FOR
ILLICIT DRUGS SO THAT LESS REACH AMERICAN FORCES IN
EUROPE AND NO MAJOR LINK IS ESTABLISHED WITH ORGANIZED
CRIME IN THE US.

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I. PROMOTE US-DUTCH COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT;
IN SPACE EFFORTS, SUCH AS THE EUROPEAN SPACE LAB PROGRAM;

AND IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, AS IN NATO'S CCMS.
OUR ABILITY TO FIELD A TEAM OF INFORMED, EXPERIENCED
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICERS WILL DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR
OVERALL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DUTCH IN PURSUIT
OF US INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES. THE POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC ISSUES WE FACE TOGETHER WILL BE INCREASINGLY
COMPLEX. MANY WILL DEMAND COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL
ACTION, IN WHICH THE DUTCH CAN PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE
AND IN SOME CASES LEADING ROLE. THE POSSIBLE
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EMERGENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE OF EURO-COMMUNISM WILL
MAKE OUR CONTACTS IN THE NETHERLANDS WITH ITS
PREEMINENT PLACE AMONG THE SMALLER WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES
EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. COORDINATE US EFFORTS HERE, WHETHER IN
BEHALF OF STRICTLY AMERICAN INTERESTS OR MORE BROADLY, CAN
BE
IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY ASSET.

18. IN THESE EFFORTS EVERY ELEMENT OF THE EMBASSY
WILL BE INVOLVED, IN VARYING DEGREES. THE POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTIONS HAVE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
FOR PURSUING THE OBJECTIVES WE HAVE SET OURSELVES. THE
ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ACROSS THE WHOLE
RANGE OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, SOME OF HIGH TECHNICAL
CONTEXT, AS WELL AS CAREFUL ANALYSIS AND SOUND REPORTING
ARE ESSENTIAL, USIS CAN PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE,
ESPECIALLY IN THE CLARIFICATION OF AMERICAN POLICIES
AND TRADITIONS AND FOR PROVIDING ACCURATE DEPICTION
OF OUR SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL STRUCTURES, WITH
A SPECIAL NEED FOR PROGRAMS ADDRESSED TO THE YOUNGER
GENERATION AND THE UNIVERSITIES AND FOR A STRONG
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

19. OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE EMBASSY ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL
ROLES. THE OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE WILL
MAINTAIN AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES
BY CONTINUING ACTIVE PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.
THE EMBASSY'S MILITARY ASSETS, THE OFFICE OF THE DEFENSE
ATTACHE AND THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION, CAN BE
BROUGHT TO BEAR CONSTRUCTIVELY ON OUR SECURITY INTERESTS
HERE, TO ENCOURAGE THE DUTCH MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO
NATO AND TO HANDLE SPECIFIC MILITARY COOPERATION PROGRAMS
SUCH AS THE F-15. OUR HOPE TO ASSIST IN ELIMINATING THE
NETHERLANDS AS A EUROPEAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL
NARCOTICS TRAFFIC WILL DEPEND HEAVILY UPON THE AGENTS
ASSIGNED HERE BY THE FRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND
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THEIR SUCCESS IN WORKING WITH DUTCH POLICE AUTHORITIES IN
DISRUPTING THE NEW SUBSTANTIAL FLOW O HEROIN TO AMSTERDAM.
BY THE END OF THE YEAR WE SHOULD KNOW WHETHER NEW 1AW
ENFORCEMENT MEASURES HAVE BEEN THOROUGH ENOUGH TO
ELIMINATE AMSTERDAM AS THE MAIN EUROPEAN MARKET FOR
MAROCTICS. WE ARE NOW SEEING INDICATIONS THAT EUROPE
IS LOOKING TO THE NETHERLANDS FOR AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO
COMBAT DRUGS. DUTCH SUCCESS OR FAILURE COULD THEREFORE
HAVE AN EFFECT ON OTHER COUNTRIES' PROGRAMS.
OUR CONSULAR RESOURCES IN ROTTERDAM AND AMSTERDAM MUST
COPE WITH A STEADILY INCREASING WORKLOAD.

20. FINALLY, BUT BY NO MEANS TO BE UNDERESTIMATED
IN ITS IMPORTANCE TO ALL OUR OBJECTIVES IS OUR
CONTINUED NEED FOR STRONG ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS TO
SUPPORT NOT ONLY THE EMBASSY BUT FOURTEEN USG AGENCIES
WHICH LOOK TO US FOR A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES.
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